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Situation Report Winter Storm January 14, 2007, 11pm

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SUMMARY

A series of severe winter storms swept across Missouri on Friday, January 12, 2007, causing moderate to heavy damage throughout the state. A cold front crossed Missouri on Friday morning January 12, 2007 dropping temperatures from the mid-fifties into the high twenties. Moisture from the Gulf of Mexico overrode the cold front causing large amount of freezing rain and/or sleet. An area from Oklahoma City to St. Louis along the I-44 corridor was the heaviest hit. **Additional freezing rain fell across the affected area on Saturday and Sunday, resulting in additional power outages.**

Fatalities

Location	Fatalities	Notes
Dade County	1	Traffic-related
Harrison County	1	Traffic-related
Lawrence County	1	CO-related
Jackson County	3*	3 Traffic-related
Johnson County	1	Traffic-related
St Francois County	1	Traffic-related
STATE TOTAL	8	7 traffic-related; 1 CO-related

*Additional traffic deaths were initially reported on FRI.

Power restoration

Officials report more than 330,000 customers are without power as a result of the storm. This includes 130,000 customers serviced by AmerenUE in Franklin, St Charles, and St Louis County. Springfield City Utilities reported 65,000 customers without power. 64,000 Empire Electric customers in southwest Missouri are without power. Rural electric coops report 71,000 customers without power, mostly in southwest Missouri.

County Reports

Barry County—Officials estimated 9,000 homes without power on Saturday. **Five shelters were open on Sunday, with estimated population of 40 people.**

Barton County—Officials report significant power outages, primarily in Golden City and Mindenmines. **One shelter is open with a population of 50 people.**

Cedar County—Officials report one shelter open with a population of 9 people.

Christian County—Officials estimate 10,000 people without power, with the biggest problems in Billings and Clever where 90-100% of homes are without power. **Two shelters were open on Sunday, with total population of 46 people.**

Crawford County—Officials are operating three shelters with a population of 31 people.

Dallas County—Officials report 15,000 customers without power, primarily in Buffalo and Urbana. Two shelters were open on Sunday with a population of 29 people.

Gasconade County—Officials reported power outages to about 5,000 people. Two shelters were open on Sunday, with a population of 18 people.

Greene County—Officials reported power outages to about 65,000 people in and around Springfield. Seven shelters were open on Sunday with a population of 760 people. One nursing home has been evacuated and several more have indicated the necessity to move.

Jasper County—Officials were operating one shelter with a population of 45 people.

Laclede County—Officials report about 12,800 without power. Four shelters were open on Sunday with a population of 200 people.

Lawrence County—Officials report widespread power outages in county, primarily in Aurora, Mt Vernon, and Pierce City. Four shelters were open on Sunday with total population of 15 people.

Lincoln County—Officials report significant power outages in Old Monroe. 54 people from a nursing home in Moscow Mills were evacuated to a shelter.

Maries County—Officials report power out in most of Vienna, affecting an assisted-living center, two senior living complexes, and the water system.

McDonald County—Officials report about 7,000 customers without power in Anderson, Lanagan, and Pineville. Three shelters were open on Sunday with a population of 119 people.

Miller County—Officials report about 150 customers without power. One shelter was open Saturday night in Iberia with a population of about 30 people.

Newton County—Officials report about 30,000 customers without power, primarily in Neosho and Seneca. Three shelters were open on Sunday, with total population of about 100 people.

Phelps County—Officials report one shelter was open on Sunday, but no people were staying overnight.

Polk County—Officials report widespread damage throughout the County, especially in Bolivar, Fair Play, Pleasant Hope, and Humansville. An estimated 10,000 customers in Bolivar are without power. Three shelters were open on Sunday, with total population of 235 people. Traffic was shut down on Highway 13 on Sunday between Springfield and Bolivar because of low-hanging power lines.

Pulaski County—Officials report 5,000 people without power in Crocker, Richland, and Waynesville. Numerous trees are down on roadways. 10 shelters were open on Sunday, with a population of 265 people.

St. Charles County—One-quarter inch of ice reported Friday night. Officials estimate 33,000 without power, with severe tree damage from O'Fallon to the east. Six nursing homes reported power issues. The sewer treatment plant in Portage de Sioux is without power. St. Peters, Missouri has also suffered time and power line damage. Two warming centers were open on Sunday.

St Louis City—Officials report 2,000 without power, and normal Fire/Police operations. They continue to monitor the situation.

St. Louis County—Officials report 85,000 customers without power. One shelter was open overnight, with total population of 25. 10 warming centers were open on Sunday. Two nursing homes remain without power. 28 traffic signals are out of power, and they are working closely with District MoDOT officials to get them restored and operating.

Stone County—Officials report major power outages in the north part of the county, near Crane and Hurley. One shelter has been opened

Warren County—Officials report significant power outages. Three warming centers were opened on Sunday.

Webster County—Officials report widespread power outages with numerous trees down. One shelter was open Saturday in Marshfield. Road department also checking low-water crossings for potential damage.

State Actions

On Saturday, **Governor Blunt** signed Executive Order 07-02 declaring a State of Emergency in response to the winter storm. He also signed Executive Order 07-03 activating the National Guard to assist with the emergency response

State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) is operating the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) on a 24-hour basis. SEMA officials plan to staff the SEOC at least through Monday evening.

Missouri National Guard (MONG) has about 320 people assisting with response efforts. About 80 troops are working in the St Louis and St Charles area conducting health and welfare checks. About 110 troops are assisting with debris removal and transportation missions in Springfield and Greene County.

Missouri State Highway Patrol (MSHP) is working law enforcement missions throughout the state.

Division of Fire Safety is working requests for Incident Management Teams as needed.

Office of Administration (OA) has delivered generators throughout the affected area.

Missouri Dept of Conservation (MDC) is assisting with debris clearance activities in Greene County.

Volunteer Agency Actions

American Red Cross (ARC), and **The Salvation Army (TSA)**, are assisting with feeding and shelter operations throughout the state. **AmeriCorps** is supporting operations in shelters and EOCs as well as supplying generators across the affected area.

Weather

The National Weather Service (NWS) reports another round of freezing precipitation is expected in southwest and central Missouri. The freezing precipitation will include various forms of freezing rain and sleet. Ice storm warnings remain in effect until midnight for most of southwest Missouri and until 6am for counties in central Missouri. The ice storm warnings have been canceled for St Louis, and areas directly south. The precipitation is expected to end by Monday. However, cold air and wind gusts may lead to additional damages to trees and power lines which have been covered with ice.

Point of Contact:

Calls to the SEOC can be made at 573-526-9100. This number will be staffed on a 24-hour basis until at least Monday night.

This Situation Report and other storm-related information may be viewed at the following web address:

<http://sema.dps.mo.gov/Situation%20Reports.htm>